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SUBJECT: ISRAELI ATTITUDES TOWARD ICA OPERATIONS OUT OF
JERUSALEM

1. WHEN DECISION WAS REACHED TO ASSIGN ICA OFFICER TO
CONGEN, IT WAS AGREED THAT HIS MISSION SHOULD HAVE LOW
PROFILE, ESPECIALLY DURING INITIAL PERIOD, SO AS NOT TO
DRAW UNDUE ISRAELI ATTENTION TO FACT HE WOULD BE DEVOTING
HIMSELF TO ARAB AND NOT ISRAELI CONSTITUENCY. AMONG OTHER
THINGS, HE WAS TO BE IDENTIFIED TO ISRAELIS SIMPLY AS CONSUL
WITHOUT NOTING HIS INFORMATION/CULTURAL FUNCTION, AND HIS
OFFICE WAS NOT TO BE EARMARKED AS ICA POST. ALSO, "ICA
JERUSALEM" TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS WAS NOT ESTABLISHED, AND TRAF-
FIC BETWEEN OFFICER CONCERNED AND ICA WASHINGTON WAS TO GO
THROUGH REGULAR STATE CHANNELS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN'S AND EMBASSY'S EVALUATION OF
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HOW THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE WORKING OUT AND WHETHER ISRAELIS
HAVE SHOWN ANY SENSITIVITY. ICA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
ESTABLISHING JERUSALEM TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS. DO YOU BELIEVE
THIS WOULD CAUSE ANY HARM? VANCE

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